

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (ORIGINAL) A wavelength selector switch comprising:

a first optical input port to which a first wavelength-multiplexed light beam with a first polarization angle is input;

a second optical input port to which a second wavelength-multiplexed light beam with a second polarization angle is input;

a first optical output port;

a second optical output port;

a first refracting plate that refracts the second wavelength-multiplexed light beam at a refraction angle;

an optical splitter that spatially splits into a plurality of wavelength components the first wavelength-multiplexed light beam and the second wavelength-multiplexed light beam refracted, respectively;

a first optical system that changes the wavelength components into parallel light beams;

a polarization controller that selectively changes a polarization angle of each of the parallel light beams between the first and second polarization angles, and passes the parallel light beams;

a second optical system that condenses the parallel light beams which are passed through the polarization controller;

an optical coupler that multiplexes into a third wavelength-multiplexed light beam the parallel light beams condensed; and

a second refracting plate that refracts wavelength components, of the third wavelength-

multiplexed light beam, having the second polarization angle at a refraction angle to direct the wavelength components having the second polarization angle to the second optical output port and to direct wavelength components, of the third wavelength-multiplexed light beam, having the first polarization angle to the first output port.

2. (ORIGINAL) The wavelength selector switch according to claim 1, wherein the polarization controller is a magneto-optic element array.

3. (ORIGINAL) The wavelength selector switch according to claim 1, wherein the polarization controller is a liquid crystal unit.

4. (ORIGINAL) The wavelength selector switch according to claim 1, wherein each of the optical splitter and the optical coupler is a diffraction grating.

5. (ORIGINAL) The wavelength selector switch according to claim 1, wherein each of the optical splitter and the optical coupler is a virtually imaged phase array.

6. (ORIGINAL) The wavelength selector switch according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second refracting plates is a polarization beam splitter.

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